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A TREAT IS COMING!

The Oriole Club Books at Attraction of a High Order.

The Famous Slayton Jubilee Singers to Come to Great Bend—They Are the Finest on Earth.



ALL lovers of good music will be delighted to find that the Oriole Club has succeeded in closing a contract with the famous Slayton jubilee singers, the finest organization of the kind in existence, which is composed of eight or nine superb artists who have sung themselves into popular favor in all the leading cities of America. Their signal success is due in part to a proper selection of voices, constant practice and the rendering of programs that strike the popular chord. No expense or effort has been spared to attain the very highest standard. At Rochester, N. Y., they sang to an audience of three thousand; at the People's institute in Chicago they were heard by nearly five thousand people at three concerts, and at the Auditorium, Chicago, by seven thousand. They have been engaged by many of the leading clubs and for banquets in large cities, where no other similar attraction would be tolerated at any price. Some of the artists have voices that are quite remarkable and it is predicted that before the beginning of the twentieth century some of the greatest prima donnas and singers of the world will contain more or less of African blood. While there are several soloists in the organization who sing other than jubilee music, yet it is the humorous specialties that convulse the audience, and the quaint old plantation songs that completely captivate every listener, when executed in the rich sonorous tones peculiar to the colored race.

The Oriole Club has never offered its patrons an inferior attractions, but it has every assurance that it may commend the Slayton jubilee singers as superior to anything it has ever booked for its course. Fun and pathos, tears and laughter, the old songs, the good songs, the rollicking melodies and classical solos. Nine superb artists, all superb singers, the bass voices being exceptionally powerful, and the happy blending of the whole producing the very watermelon of melody.

There will be a general admission price of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 12 years of age, with no extra charge for reserved seats. Tickets will be placed on sale soon. The date of the entertainment will be on Thursday evening, December 19.

No school today nor tomorrow.

D. N. Heizer came in Saturday from Iowa.

Reno county stands first in cattle and corn.

The revival at the Methodist church is still in progress.

The St. Louis store has a new ad today. They are making things hum.

The goose bone and the corn husk both predict a cold and prolonged winter.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Degen at Clinton, Mo., last week.

Look at the New York store's new ad. These people are offering great bargains.

The Hoisington Dispatch has found a jewel in "Sam Wick," its Albion correspondent.

W. Torrey left Tuesday for Wichita to assume his duties as agent for the Santa Fe at that place.

Fine skating on the river and ponds the first of the week, but the warm sunshine of Tuesday spoiled the sport.

Dr. Phillips December 7, 9 and 10.

Many farmers are not through sowing wheat yet.

Joe Trouillet has been out on the road selling cigars this week.

Miss Frankie Meek acted as a saleslady at the St. Louis store Saturday.

W. E. Carr was given the fraternal degree in the Woodmen Monday night.

Social and musical entertainment at the Congregational church to-morrow night.

Don't fail to hear the concert at the opera house Wednesday evening, December 11.

Miss Florence Townsley is home from Washburne college, Topeka, for Thanksgiving.

Appropriate Thanksgiving services were given in all the rooms of the city schools yesterday.

Mrs. Max Shafer was up from Ellinwood Tuesday. She is much pleased with her new home.

Leo Chapman of the First National bank is spending Thanksgiving with his mother at Larned.

Dr. Phillips of Salina at the Hotel Greene on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 7, 9 and 10.

Union Thanksgiving services at the Congregational church to-day at 11 a. m. Rev. Davis will preach.

The Republican Editorial association of the Seventh congressional district meets at Hutchinson on December 17.

We learn that Mrs. Anna Chapman and family will soon move from Larned to this place and occupy their east side home.

Miss Jessie Carpenter, of Ness City, enroute home from Texas, where she spent the summer, visited friends here on Monday.

This has been the dullest week ever experienced by the newspaper men in Great Bend, and it has been almost an to capture news of importance.

District court will probably adjourn Saturday until the next regular term. The full proceedings of the present term will be published next week.

Barton county has more inmates of the insane asylum than any county in Kansas, in proportion to its population. And yet there's room for more.

The land in the Cherokee strip is changing hands. Fully half of those who went in on the rush have drifted back to their wife's people for protection.

Ferger the barber has a new barber pole. Besides being headquarters for the very best in the tonsorial line, Will is strictly up to date in his general make-up.

Who is the better Christian, the man who sprinkles ashes on his slippery sidewalk or he who prays long and loudly for the salvation of your soul and lets it go at that?

Willis Bolinger says a quarter of a mile east from Hoisington is as long as fifteen miles anywhere around Great Bend. If you want to know the reason why, just pump him.

We are in receipt of the Amusement Bulletin, a neat periodical devoted to the stage, platform and sports, published at Kansas City by Edgar Evans, who learned his trade in this office.

Mrs. D. C. Luse's mother died at her home at Durham, Marion county, last Friday and was interred on Sunday at Galva, Kan. Mrs. Luse has the sympathy of all her friends here in her bereavement.

On account of his increased number of patients, Dr. Phillips of Salina, the celebrated oculist, will remain here three days, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 7, 9 and 10, at the Hotel Greene.

The Sons of Veterans were surprised at their meeting Monday night by the members of the Grand Army, their wives, and daughters, who marched in with well filled baskets and started a jolly good time of feasting and song.

Charley Zutavern killed the first wild turkey of the season on Su—Saturday. There are getting to be very scarce about here and Charley says he would not be right sure it was a wild turkey were it not for the fact that there was a house nowhere in sight.

There are 860 prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary; 638 white males, 4 white females, 204 black males, 7 black females, 5 Indians and 2 Mexicans. For life there are 20 males and 1 female, 47 under sentence to hang, 2 United States military and 6 civil prisoners.

Remember the date and save your money for a musical treat. The chorus of twenty of Great Bend's finest ladies given in costume is worth the admission alone. Prof. Carr's orchestra will discourse sweet strains. There will be banjo, guitar, mandolin and zither solos, all for the small sum of 20c. For the benefit of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. At the opera house December 11.

Maud Griffith, Ella Klein, Frank Wilson, Frank Patterson, R. P. Typer, Charles Brinkman, Ira Brounger, Mrs. Bayer, Joe Bayer, Mart Keenan, Geo. Turner, Willis Bolinger and Charley Zutavern were among the number who attended the Stanley Siddorn benefit ball at Hoisington Tuesday evening. About fifty couples were present and a general good time was had by all.

A notable event at Cladin on Monday of last week was the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Cooke of the Leader. From rumors that reached us from the north side last week we judge that the earth was thrown off its balance, the north pole twisted and Cow creek running due west. Anyway, here's congratulations to the happy parents and hoping the youngster will grow to be even a greater man than his pa.

The jury in the case of Francis vs. Griffith returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Griffith, after being out forty-eight hours. This suit was brought by Miss Ella Francis to recover possession of a piano taken by Theo Griffith to satisfy a claim for groceries. The former trials of the case resulted in one hung jury and the granting of a new trial. The costs have run up to a considerable sum, and Mr. Griffith is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

Parties wishing their letters to go through in a hurry should write "in haste" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Postmaster Stoke tells us that when these magic words appear on the envelope everybody connected with the postal service jumps around lively. Charley Vance whips his horse into a trot, the postmaster dances a jig and the route agent rushes forward and tells the engineer to pull the throttle wide open and let 'er go.

S. J. Shaw, Charley Morrison, Charley Allison, Will Kelly, Mart Keenan and Will E. Stoke went over to the Stanley Siddorn shooting benefit at Hoisington Tuesday afternoon. They went after turkeys—and got 'em—a wagon load. Shaw and Kelly were the crack shots of the gang, but out of sympathy for the two Charlies let them win most of the fowls. The turkey shoot, under the management of the railroad boys, was a success, and netted the fund quite a neat sum.

Lawrence World: Hon. E. R. Moses, of Great Bend, was in the city the guest of Judge Emery Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Moses is one of the most prominent irrigationists in this country. He says that the business is passed the experimental stage and is now an established fact. "We have in my home county of Barton one hundred plants now in successful operation. In Kansas more than twelve hundred were built this year. As a matter of fact the people have come to a realization of the fact that irrigation is the most necessary auxiliary to farming. We are educating farmers to the idea that they must attend to business before speculating. We will push the work and in time irrigation will be recognized as it deserves to be."

Mrs. D. Page is ill.

F. V. Russell visited Wichita last week.

Hicks says we are to have a hard winter.

W. M. Chatten of Cladin was here Saturday.

Sheriff Brown of Rush county was here Saturday.

Charley Morrison Saturdayed in the city of Hutchinson.

Will Rankin was down from Utica the first of the week.

The county treasurer's office has been newly papered.

Axel Wemmergren painted the Olmitz church last week.

J. F. Hess went to Kansas City last Thursday on professional business.

J. R. Baker and wife of Pawnee Rock were in the city last Thursday.

George Greene, Jr., thinks Prof. Andrews has the cutest monkey he ever saw.

G. L. Chapman and wife returned Monday from their visit to Kansas City.

G. W. Goss of Colorado, an old army friend of Bob Bailey, visited here Saturday.

Misses Seward and Compton of Alden were guests of Mrs. Elbert Seward last week.

J. B. McCauley, fireman on the Missouri Pacific branch, now occupies the Schermerhorn property.

Will Bunting was home the first of the week from a "spiel" in the interest of the Collier Publishing company.

The second session of the appellate court will commence on December 3, at Garden City. Judge Cole is a busy man at present.

Here you are, ladies! Limberger cheese laid away in cupboards will drive away ants. It will also drive a hog from its feed.

Charles Crary, who was formerly a contractor here in partnership with Andy Powelson, has moved from Michigan to a farm near Winfield.

It requires the sale of twenty-two first class tickets from Chicago to the coast each day to pay the operating expenses of the Santa Fe's new flyer.

The fifty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. B. Dotson was celebrated last Wednesday evening by a number of her friends in a delightful surprise.

Mrs. Nettie Dever has been appointed administratrix of the estate of D. O. Dever, and also clerk of school district 35, made vacant by the death of Mr. Dever.

We understand that a lodge of the Mystic Brotherhood, an organization in behalf of the resubmission of the prohibitory amendment, is to be organized in this city.

We were show a letter from southern Ohio yesterday in which the statement was made that water was selling there at 40c a barrel. Where, oh where, is drouthy Kansas?

Prof. Charles Andrews arrived in the city Monday. He has been with the Ringling circus the past season. He has with him his collection of trained birds and a monkey.

We learn from the county treasurer that more taxes have been paid at this time this year than there was at the same time last year, and a greater number are paying in full.

Hardware dealers are having a boom in locks for coalhouse doors. Great Bend has people who are never known to buy coal, but whose ash pile is as big as anyone's in the spring.

A. L. Hager, who formerly conducted the Grand Central hotel (now Hotel Greene) in this city, and later a hotel at Cherryvale, is now manager of the Hotel Greenwood, at Eureka, Kan.

Corn sells on the streets by the load at 20c a bushel, but there are a good many horses to be seen around whose condition would indicate that it was selling at five or six times this sum.

DEATH ON THE RAIL

Louis Boissell of Hoisington Meets Death in Chicago.

He Steps From the Track to Avoid a Train and Is Run Down by Another Coming Up Behind.

WE are once more assigned the painful task of chronicling an awful misfortune that befell one of the county's best families and threw a veil of gloom and sorrow again over the little city of Hoisington on Tuesday of last week, when a telegram was received from Chicago announcing that Louis, the 14-year-old son of Engineer Boissell, had been instantly killed by the cars in the suburbs of the city.

On the 14th inst. Louis Boissell, in company with Earl Brockway, a lad of about the same age, son of J. A. Brockway, ran away from their home in Hoisington and came to this city. They took the Santa Fe east from here and nothing more was heard from them for a week, when Mr. Brockway received a letter from a brother in Chicago, stating that the boys were there, and enclosing a clipping from a Chicago paper recounting the adventures of the youthful runaways. Wednesday night Mr. Boissell received a telegram from the Chicago police department telling of the death of his son. The boys were walking on the Rock Island tracks at Blue Island, in the suburbs of Chicago, and seeing a train approaching, stepped to another track to allow it to pass. The noise of one train prevented them hearing the warnings of another that bore down upon them from the opposite direction. The scene of the awful affair was on a trestle and young Brockway saved his life by leaping and was only slightly injured by the fall. Louis Boissell was instantly killed.

Mr. Boissell and family left Hoisington on Friday for Danville, Ill., their former home, to which place the remains had been conveyed by relatives, and where the interment occurred on Sunday.

The placidity of expression worn by a man who is "next" in a barber shop cannot be counterfeited.

Very few country people were in town Saturday, but it seemed that those who did brave the chilly winds did so to take advantage of the great bargains advertised in the papers, as the stores that advertise reported a good trade.

Lansing News: Ex-Chaplain Briggs writes to one of the prisoners that he expects soon to move his family from Great Bend to Colorado, where he will divide his time between preaching and cultivating 200 acres of fruit land which he has recently bought.

The Western Kansas Educational association will meet at Ness City on November 28, 29 and 30. A lecture will be delivered by President A. R. Taylor of the State Normal school and the Cooper Memorial College quartette will give an entertainment.

We have often heard church deacons declare in prayer that they were full of sin and general depravity, but we never felt that it would be entirely safe to go to one of these deacons after he had wound up his petition and tell him honestly, "Old man, you have sized yourself up exactly right."

We wanted a kodak badly the other day in the district clerk's office. There, lined up inside the railing, were all the district clerks Barton county has had—Al Schermerhorn, Ira Brounger, Will Bunting and Rube Charles—a handsome quartette, and all a credit to the office.

The wise merchant studies the market report before he buys and then invests his money where he will secure the greatest value. The masses of the people have learned to do likewise, but they look to the advertising columns of the newspapers as the market reports that are of the most interest to them.